

PTHS PTSA

MEETING MINUTES – March 10, 2016

ATTENDANCE - 18

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Mary Pat DeRienzo at 9:15 AM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARY PAT DERIENZO

-Mary Pat thanked the nominating committee (Kelly Trupiano, Cathy Vargo, and Carol Planitzer) for their service and introduced Kelly Trupiano who announced the slate of PTHS PTSA officers for the 2016-2017 school year:

For the Office of President: Mary Pat DeRienzo

For the Office of 1st Vice President: Tina Beinhauer

For the Office of 2nd Vice President: Cindy Chapman

For the Office of 3rd Vice President: Serena King

For the Office of Secretary: Kathy LaBellarte

For the Office of Treasurer: Beth Quinn

For the Office of Assistant Treasurer: Tracey Melograne

-Mary Pat thanked the scholarship committee for the two scholarships offered. They will be posted online and available for students to apply. Jodi Hannah said the new name of one of the scholarships is PTHS Pride Scholarship.

-The PTSA, again, plans to donate to the school for academic enrichment to benefit our students. In addition, since a few of the class fundraisers did not occur this past fall, we would like to donate \$500 to each class. Jodi Hannah made a motion to move \$500 to each grade. Sarah Lindsay made a second motion. The motions were accepted unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – MRS. RAGLAND

-Mrs. Beth Wilmus, a PTHS Spanish teacher, spoke about the Tarzan musical on April 7-10. She has 16 years theatre experience. There were problems with the old ticket purchase ways. Now there is an easier and more convenient online system available called TicketLeap. The district website has information and a link to TicketLeap. Tickets may also be purchased at the school box office with check or cash only. \$15 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors. Musical is the Disney version, a large production, and appropriate for all ages. Cast members learned about gorilla behavior with the handlers at the zoo.

-Mrs. Oleynik spoke about the PT Public Library program addressing the heroin epidemic. The PT Public Library is in partnership with the League Of Women Voters of Washington County. They are presenting Heartbreak Close To Home The Heroin Epidemic In Our Communities. The program will be held on Thursday, March 31st, at 7 PM at the PT Middle School Auditorium.

-Mrs. Oleynik also spoke about the upcoming Taste Of The Township event on April 29th at Valley Brook Country Club. Tickets are \$50. There will be cash prizes, an auction, a band, etc. Proceeds benefit the PT Public Library.

-Mrs. Oleynik spoke about the PT Library new ID cards. A courier comes every other day from surrounding libraries to meet the community's needs.

-Mrs. Ragland reported that Mrs. Pavlik's father passed away suddenly but that he had been ill. The PTSA Board and those in attendance give their condolences.

-The Glow Dance sponsored by the National Honor Society raised \$5,500. Proceeds went to Make A Wish Foundation.

-Family Bingo Night, an Interact Club fundraiser, will be held at PTHS Cafe on April 15 at 6-8 PM.

GUIDANCE REPORT - MRS. WAWRZENIAK

-Mrs. Wawrzeniak spoke about scheduling and course selection meetings.

-PTMS held a presentation Tuesday night for the transition from 8th to 9th grade.

-Mrs. Ragland highly recommends using the online College Planning Guide.

GUIDANCE REPORT - MRS. WAWRZENIAK (continued)

-Summer P.E. information available in the office. Register by mail this year. Due April 15th. First session starts June 24th. If there is a work stoppage, date will be adjusted.

-Facilitator's videos updated this year. They talk about what's new in their department.

-There are two new AP classes for next year: AP Computer Science Principles and AP Environmental Science.

-AP registration for exams e-mail will be sent via Family Connection. Teachers are directed to default to higher letter grade if A or B.

-Mrs. Ragland is encouraging students to take AP exam. It can really help measure performance before college class. An incentive to score a 4 or 5 given by NMSI to receive grant and money presented to student at start of next school year.

-Mrs. Ragland spoke about the NMSI courses' mock exams. They will be scheduled after the study sessions. Exams will occur after school. We are working with coaches to accommodate athletic events. We created multiple dates for students to take mock exam. Teachers will score exam between multiple people to check reliability. NMSI will allow a student to retest next year.

-NMSI has two upcoming study sessions: April 2 for Math and April 9 for Science.

-Dr. Murphy stated that the end of the year calendar will be put on hold until the next meeting. We have a meeting scheduled with the state coming up, so we will be set after the state meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - KATHY LABELLARTE

Minutes from the February 11, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT - TINA OWSIANY

-Financial Update: Little activity. Just a transfer.

-Membership Update: Down 9% for the year as opposed to last year.

1st VICE PRESIDENT - CINDY CHAPMAN

-Area Council Meeting: March 17; the building principals will be in attendance.

-Character Counts: Meeting was this week; working on September 11th. Encourage people to get involved.

-Character Counts Awards Ceremony will be April 26 at 7:00 PM at PT Middle School auditorium.

-Thank you Mary Lou Bulseco and Jan Trombitas for chairing Reflections this year.

-Prom ticket sales will occur month prior to prom. Prom is June 2, 7-11 PM, at Heinz Field.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT - MICHELLE JONES

-Nothing to report.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT - SERENA KING

-Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

-None

NEW BUSINESS

-PT Education Foundation Fundraiser will be held at Zoup in Southpointe on Saturday, March 12, from 1 PM to 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned - 10:21 AM

Minutes Submitted by: Kathy LaBellarte

Kathy LaBellarte, Secretary